

1. (Currently Amended) A method for inspection of a roll of web material through a web inspection system comprising:

inspecting ~~the~~ a roll of web material to determine the number, type and location of one or more detectable defects along the web material;

outputting a data "object" representation of the roll map;

performing a Self-Diagnostic Test on said inspection system to determine the performance of the web inspection by the inspection system, including:

measuring or retrieving certification data applied during said inspection; and

comparing the applied certification data to standardized certification data to determine whether the applied certification data was within the predetermined range of tolerances;

performing a System Integrity Test measuring performance and calibration of predetermined components the web inspection system; and

certifying the accuracy of the roll map object representation of the inspected web material to be within a predetermined range of tolerances.

Claims 2-4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1 wherein,

said performing a self-diagnostic test further includes performing a Product Calibration Test measuring ~~the~~ or reviewing an application of product set-up parameters for the particular web material inspected.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~3~~ 1 wherein,
said certification data includes System Integrity Test Data relating to the calibration and operation of predetermined components of the web inspection system, and Product Calibration Test Data reviewing ~~the~~ product set-up parameters applied for the particular web material inspected.
7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~2~~ 1 wherein,
said performing a self-diagnostic test includes measuring or retrieving certification data applied during said inspection.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein,
said certifying includes generating a digital Product Inspection Certificate containing and certifying the object representation of the roll map.
9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein
said certifying further includes generating a digital signature with the Product Inspection Certificate.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for certifying an inspection of a roll of web material through a web inspection system comprising:

calibrating the web inspection system to conform to predetermined certification data for the roll of web material to be inspected;

inspecting the roll of a web material for one or more defects, if any, through the web inspection system;

detecting at least one of the one or more defects through the web inspection system;

determining the location of the at least one detected defect, relative the roll of web material, through fiduciary indicators placed along the web material;

recording the detection of the at least one detected defect, and its location relative the roll of web material on a recording medium to create a roll map;

measuring ~~the~~ actual certification data of the web inspection system;

comparing the actual certification data to the predetermined certification data for the roll of web material; ~~and~~

certifying the accuracy of the roll map of the inspected web material when the actual certification data is within a predetermined tolerance of the predetermined certification data; and

re-inspecting the roll of web material through the same web inspection system or an independent second web inspection system to verify the certification by detecting the at least one of the one or more defects. through the web inspection system.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 10 wherein,

said certification data includes System Integrity Test Data of predetermined components of the web inspection system, and

said measuring includes performing a self diagnostic test on said predetermined components to generate the actual certification data.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 11 wherein,

said performing a Self-Diagnostic Test is performed periodically within a predetermined time interval.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 12, further including:

time stamping the performance of the Self-Diagnostic Test.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 11 wherein,

said performing a Self-Diagnostic Test is performed before each web inspection run.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11 wherein,

said predetermined components include ~~the~~ vision hardware of the web inspection system.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15 wherein,

said vision hardware includes at least one of ~~the~~ a cameras, a lenses and a light sources.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 16 wherein,

said System Integrity Test Data includes at least one of ~~the~~ camera alignment, ~~the~~ lens focus and ~~the~~ light source alignment.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~11~~ 10 wherein,
said certification data further includes Product Calibration Data corresponding to the particular web material being inspected, and
said measuring includes determining what inspection set-up parameters were employed during the web inspection, and that they have not been altered.
19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18 wherein,
said system inspection parameters include ~~the~~ a desired level of flaw detection.
20. (Original) The method according to claim 18 further including:
providing said inspection parameters by a customer.
21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, further including:
time stamping ~~the~~ a current measuring of the actual certification data.
22. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein
said certifying includes generating a Product Inspection Certificate including the actual certification data, the predetermined certification data, and the roll map.
23. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein
said certifying further includes generating a digital signature with the certification report.
24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, further including:
determining ~~the~~ a cause of the at least one detected defect.

25. (Original) The method according to claim 24, wherein
said determining the cause includes comparing the measured defect data of the at
least one detected defect with existing defect data of a process-control database.

Claim 26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~26~~ 10 , wherein
said re-inspecting the roll further includes:

determining the location of the at least one detected defect, relative the roll of
web material, through fiduciary indicators placed along the web material;

recording the detection of the at least one detected defect, and its location
relative the roll of web material on a recording medium to create a roll map;

measuring ~~the~~ actual certification data of the web inspection system;

comparing the measured actual certification data to the predetermined
certification data for the roll of web material; and

recertifying the accuracy of the second roll map of the inspected web material
when the secondly measured actual certification data is within the predetermined tolerance of
the predetermined certification data.

28. (Original) The method according to claim 27, wherein
said fiduciary indicators are provided by placing fiduciary marks along said roll of
web material.

29. (Original) The method according to claim 28, wherein

said placing fiduciary marks is performed during the first indicated inspection of said roll of web material.

30. (Original) The method according to claim 29, wherein

said fiduciary marks are placed along an edge of the web material.

31. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~26~~ 10, wherein

said re-inspection is performed on the roll of web material in an opposite direction of the first indicated web inspection.

32. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~26~~ 10, further including:

verifying ~~the~~ a location of the at least one or more defects by comparing the determined the location of the at least one detected defect, relative the roll of web material, relative the fiduciary indicators of the first inspection to the placed along the web material to the determined the location of the at least one detected defect, relative the roll of web material, relative the fiduciary indicators during the re-inspection thereof.

33. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~26~~ 10, further including:

determining said fiduciary indicators by the detection of the one or more defects along said roll of web material.

34. (Currently Amended) A web inspection certification system to certify an inspection a roll of web material through a web inspection system comprising:

a web inspection system adapted to inspect ~~the~~ a roll of web material applying certification data relating to web inspection system and the particular web material to detect at least one or more defects, if any, therein;

a diagnostic device adapted to measure or retrieve ~~the~~ actual certification data of the web inspection system applied or to be applied during said web inspection corresponding to the particular web material being inspected; ~~and~~

a certifying device adapted to certify the accuracy of the data "object" representation of a roll map of the inspected web material when the applied certification data conforms, within a predetermined tolerance, to standardized certification data for the roll of web material; and

a time stamp device to time stamp the occurrence of a Self-Diagnostic Test performed by the diagnostic device.

35. (Original) The system according to claim 34 wherein,

said applied certification data includes System Integrity Test Data of predetermined components of the web inspection system.

36. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 35 wherein,

said predetermined components include ~~the~~ vision hardware of the web inspection system.

37. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 36 wherein,
said vision hardware includes at least one of ~~the~~ a cameras, a lenses and a light sources.

38. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 37 wherein,
said System Integrity Test Data includes at least one of ~~the~~ camera alignment, ~~the~~ lens focus and ~~the~~ light source alignment.

Claim 39. (Canceled).

40. (Original) The system according to claim 35 wherein,
said actual certification data further includes Product Calibration Data corresponding to the particular web material being inspected to certify which product set-up parameters were employed during the web inspection, and that they have not been altered.

41. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 40 wherein,
said system inspection parameters include ~~the~~ a desired level of flaw detection.

42. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 34, wherein
said certifying device is configured to generate a Product Inspection Certificate including the actual certification data, ~~the~~ predetermined certification data, and the roll map.

43. (Original) The system according to claim 42, wherein
said certifying device is further adapted to generate a digital signature with the Product Inspection Certificate.

44. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 34, further including:

a defect analysis device configured to determine ~~the~~ a cause of a detected defect by comparing the measured defect data of the at least one detected defect with existing defect data of a process-control database.

45. (Original) The system according to claim 34, further including:

a location analysis device configured to determine the location of the at least one detected defect, relative the roll of web material, through fiduciary indicators placed along the web material; and

a recording device configured to record the detection of the at least one detected defect, and its location relative the roll of web material create the roll map thereof.

46. (Original) The system according to claim 45, wherein

said fiduciary indicators include spaced-apart fiduciary marks placed along said roll of web material.

47. (Original) The system according to claim 46, wherein

said fiduciary marks are spaced-apart along an edge of the web material.

48. (Original) The system according to claim 45, wherein:

said fiduciary indicators include the detected one or more defects relative their placement along said roll of web material.

Please add new claims 49-67 as follows:

49. (New) A method for inspection of a roll of web material through a web inspection system comprising:

inspecting a roll of web material to determine the number, type and location of one or more detectable defects along the web material;

outputting a data "object" representation of the roll map;

performing a Self-Diagnostic Test on said inspection system to determine the performance of the web inspection by the inspection system, including:

measuring or retrieving certification data applied during said inspection; and

comparing the applied certification data to standardized certification data to determine whether the applied certification data was within the predetermined range of tolerances, said certification data includes System Integrity Test Data relating to the calibration and operation of predetermined components of the web inspection system, and Product Calibration Test Data reviewing product set-up parameters applied for the particular web material inspected; and

certifying the accuracy of the roll map object representation of the inspected web material to be within a predetermined range of tolerances.

50. (New) The method according to claim 49 wherein,

said performing a self-diagnostic test includes measuring or retrieving certification data applied during said inspection.

51. (New) The method according to claim 49 wherein,

said certifying includes generating a digital Product Inspection Certificate containing and certifying the object representation of the roll map.

52. (New) A method for certifying an inspection of a roll of web material through a web inspection system comprising:

calibrating the web inspection system to conform to predetermined certification data for the roll of web material to be inspected;

inspecting the roll of a web material for one or more defects, if any, through the web inspection system;

detecting at least one of the one or more defects through the web inspection system;

determining the location of the at least one detected defect, relative the roll of web material, through fiduciary indicators placed along the web material;

recording the detection of the at least one detected defect, and its location relative the roll of web material on a recording medium to create a roll map;

measuring actual certification data of the web inspection system, which includes performing a Self-Diagnostic Test on vision hardware of the web inspection system, said actual certification data includes System Integrity Test Data of said vision hardware including at least one of camera alignment of a camera, lens focus of a lens, and light source alignment of a light source;

comparing the actual certification data to the predetermined certification data for the roll of web material; and

certifying the accuracy of the roll map of the inspected web material when the actual certification data is within a predetermined tolerance of the predetermined certification data.

53. (New) The method according to claim 52 wherein,

said performing a Self-Diagnostic Test is performed periodically within a predetermined time interval.

54. (New) The method according to claim 52, further including:

time stamping the occurrence of the Self-Diagnostic Test.

55. (New) A method for certifying an inspection of a roll of web material through a web inspection system comprising:

calibrating the web inspection system to conform to predetermined certification data for the roll of web material to be inspected;

inspecting the roll of a web material for one or more defects, if any, through the web inspection system;

detecting at least one of the one or more defects through the web inspection system;

determining the location of the at least one detected defect, relative the roll of web material, through fiduciary indicators placed along the web material;

recording the detection of the at least one detected defect, and its location relative the roll of web material on a recording medium to create a roll map;

measuring actual certification data of the web inspection system and performing a Self-Diagnostic Test on predetermined components of the web inspection system to generate the actual certification data within a predetermined time interval;

time stamping the occurrence of the Self-Diagnostic Test;

comparing the actual certification data to the predetermined certification data for the roll of web material; and

certifying the accuracy of the roll map of the inspected web material when the actual certification data is within a predetermined tolerance of the predetermined certification data.

56. (New) The method according to claim 55 wherein,
said certification data includes System Integrity Test Data of at least one of a camera,
a lens and a light source of the predetermined components.

57. (New) The method according to claim 56 wherein,
said System Integrity Test Data includes at least one of camera alignment, lens focus
and light source alignment.

58 (New) A web inspection certification system to certify an inspection a roll of web
material through a web inspection system comprising:

a web inspection system adapted to inspect a roll of web material applying
certification data relating to web inspection system and the particular web material to detect
at least one or more defects, if any, therein;

a diagnostic device adapted to measure or retrieve actual certification data of the web
inspection system applied or to be applied during said web inspection corresponding to the
particular web material being inspected, said applied certification data includes System
Integrity Test Data including at least one of camera alignment of a camera, lens focus of a
lens, and light source alignment of a light source of the web inspection system; and

a certifying device adapted to certify the accuracy of the data "object" representation
of a roll map of the inspected web material when the applied certification data conforms,
within a predetermined tolerance, to standardized certification data for the roll of web
material.

59. (New) The system according to claim 58, wherein
said certifying device is configured to generate a Product Inspection Certificate including the actual certification data, predetermined certification data, and the roll map.
60. (New) The system according to claim 58, further including
a defect analysis device configured to determine a cause of a detected defect by comparing the measured defect data of the at least one detected defect with existing defect data of a process-control database.
61. (New) The system according to claim 58, further including
a time stamp device to time stamp the occurrence of a Self-Diagnostic Test performed by the diagnostic device.

62. (New) A web inspection certification system to certify an inspection a roll of web material through a web inspection system comprising:

a web inspection system adapted to inspect a roll of web material applying certification data relating to web inspection system and the particular web material to detect at least one or more defects, if any, therein;

a diagnostic device adapted to measure or retrieve actual certification data of the web inspection system applied or to be applied during said web inspection corresponding to the particular web material being inspected, said applied certification data includes System Integrity Test Data of predetermined components of the web inspection system, and Product Calibration Data corresponding to the particular web material being inspected to certify which product set-up parameters were employed during the web inspection, and that they have not been altered; and

a certifying device adapted to certify the accuracy of the data "object" representation of a roll map of the inspected web material when the applied certification data conforms, within a predetermined tolerance, to standardized certification data for the roll of web material.

63. (New) The system according to claim 62, further including

a defect analysis device configured to determine a cause of a detected defect by comparing the measured defect data of the at least one detected defect with existing defect data of a process-control database.

64. (New) The system according to claim 62, further including:

a time stamp device to time stamp the occurrence of a Self-Diagnostic Test performed by the diagnostic device.

65. (New) A web inspection certification system to certify an inspection a roll of web material through a web inspection system comprising:

a web inspection system adapted to inspect a roll of web material applying certification data relating to web inspection system and the particular web material to detect at least one or more defects, if any, therein;

a diagnostic device adapted to measure or retrieve actual certification data of the web inspection system applied or to be applied during said web inspection corresponding to the particular web material being inspected;

a certifying device adapted to certify the accuracy of the data "object" representation of a roll map of the inspected web material when the applied certification data conforms, within a predetermined tolerance, to standardized certification data for the roll of web material;

a location analysis device configured to determine the location of the at least one detected defect, relative the roll of web material, through fiduciary indicators placed along the web material; and

a recording device configured to record the detection of the at least one detected defect, and its location relative the roll of web material create the roll map thereof;

wherein said fiduciary indicators include the detected one or more defects themselves relative their placement along said roll of web material.

66. (New) The system according to claim 65, wherein

said certifying device is configured to generate a Product Inspection Certificate including the actual certification data, predetermined certification data, and the roll map.